

NAYS—2.

Douglass of G, Woods.

ABSENT—1.

Simkins.

The bill as amended was  
Passed.

THE PRESIDENT

Re-referred House bill No. 75 to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senate bill No. 141.

"An act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Brazos county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change," was taken up on motion of Senator Field, and was read second time.

SENATOR FIELD

Moved to amend section 2 by adding after the word "from," in line 6, the following: "Or the amount in controversy."

Adopted,

And as amended, the bill was ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Frank,

Senate bill No. 35 was made the special order for Thursday morning, the 24th instant, after morning call.

On motion of Senator Pope,

Substitute Senate bill No. 219, (the McDonald land bill) was taken up and made the special order for Wednesday next after morning call, and from day to day till disposed of.

On motion of Senator Pope,

Mr. Hennessey, the Sergeant-at-Arms, was excused till Tuesday morning, on account of important business.

SENATOR WOODS

Moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

SENATOR POPE

Moved to adjourn till 11 o'clock Monday morning.

The last motion was lost, and

The motion of Senator Woods was adopted, and

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock Monday morning.

## THIRTY-SIXTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }

AUSTIN, TEXAS, February 21, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment,

Lieutenant-Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator McDonald,

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Douglass of Grayson,

Senator Houston was excused till Wednesday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Frank,

Senator Woodward was excused for one week on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Abercrombie, Senator Upshaw was excused for today, on account of sickness.

On motion of Senator Frank,

The calendar clerk, Mr. Childress, was excused for four days, on account of important business.

SENATOR M'DONALD

Asked to have the journal corrected to show that substitute Senate bill No. 219, (the land bill), had been made the special order for Wednesday and not Monday. (Journal corrected.) The error was a misprint.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

BY SENATOR BELL:

COMMITTEE ROOM. }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 211, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 428 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas as amended by the Seventeenth Legislature at the regular session and approved March 15, 1881," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do lie on the table as House bill No. 60, which has been favorably reported by your committee, relates to the same subject matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 202, entitled:

"An act to prohibit all persons under the law of this State, who are now or who may hereafter be authorized to celebrate the rites of matrimony, from solemnizing the rites of matrimony between the persons named this act, and

to compel said persons who celebrate or solemnize the rights of matrimony to endorse the same on the marriage license, and make return of the same to the office of the county clerk in which such marriage license issued, within sixty days after the celebration of such rites of matrimony, and prescribing a penalty for violating the provisions of this act," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill seeks to make it a penal offense for any person who is authorized by law to celebrate the rites of matrimony to celebrate such rites between persons prohibited by law from intermarrying, as negroes with Caucasians, and also children under the legal age. It further provides a penalty for the failure of any person celebrating the rites of matrimony to endorse and return the marriage license in a proper manner and time.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 229, entitled:

"An act to prescribe the punishment of employes of railroad corporations for wilful violation of the orders of their superior officers," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it be considered in connection with House bill No. 112, which relates to the same subject matter and has been favorably reported by your committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 228, entitled:

"An act to punish persons who sell vinous and spirituous liquors, who follow the occupation of dealers in malt liquors," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to re-

port it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 297, entitled:

"An act to validate deeds and other instruments in writing made by the husband under power of attorney from the wife," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The object of the bill is to validate deeds and other written instruments made under power of attorney, to the husband from the wife, when it is shown that the transactions were in good faith and that the wife did actually receive a valid consideration for the property sold.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 222, entitled:

"An act to amend article 765, of Title 17, chapter 13, of the Penal Code and to add thereto articles 765a and 765b, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill seeks to make penal the selling of hides of any class on which the brands have been disfigured or destroyed entirely.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Committee on Judiciary No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 178, entitled:

"An act to amend chapter 4, title 5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by

adding thereto Articles 296a, 296b, 296c and 296d, providing for liens in cases of bail," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate.*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 108, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 1063, and repeal Article 1064, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill seeks to make each county in the State liable for the expense of board and lodging for jurors impaneled in felony cases, and fixes the rate of such at not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per day.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 135, entitled:

"An act to amend chapter 3, Article 417, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass. The bill seeks to prevent the investigation by grand juries into misdemeanor cases, and to leave misdemeanors to be prosecuted on information only; which, in the opinion of your committee, would be unwise legislation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }  
AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee

No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 232, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 358, of chapter 3, title 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Substitute House bill No. 95, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 178, chapter 4, title 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the accompanying amendments with the recommendation that the bill so amended do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

#### COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS.

1. Strike out all of section 2.
2. In section one between the words "election is held" and "he shall," in line 25, insert the following:

"Or if any person shall carry to the polling place on the day of an election or in the neighborhood of the same, any intoxicating liquors for the purpose of sale or gift, or if any person shall find and take possession of any intoxicating liquors at or near the polling place, or inform another of the whereabouts of the said intoxicating liquors."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred substitute House bill No. 38, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 314 chapter 3, title 9 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas as amended by the General Laws of the State of Texas at

the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred substitute House bill No. 78, entitled:

"An act to prevent the gift, sale or loaning of pistols or other deadly weapons to minors, and fixing a penalty therefor," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 93, entitled:

"An act to amend article 859, of the Revised Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 74, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 425, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 73, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 165, chapter 4, title 6, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas," have considered the same and instruct me to report it to the Senate with the accompanying amendment and to recommend that the bill so amended do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Strike out all after the words "punished by confinement in the," and insert the following: "penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 112, entitled:

"An act to prevent the detention of any railroad passenger train, freight train, or construction train, running upon any railroad in this State, or any injury thereto, or to the track or other property of any railroad in this State, and to prescribe the punishment therefor," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM, }

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887. }

*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 89, entitled:

"An act to amend an act passed at the regular session of the Eighteenth Legislature, and approved April 18, 1883, entitled, 'An act to amend Article 430, of section 1,' and to repeal section 2, of an act, entitled 'An act to amend Articles 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429 and 430a, and to create Article 426½,

and to repeal Article 430, of chapter 5, title 13, of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes, for the protection of fish and game,' approved March 15, 1881," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill is only a re-enactment of the old law amended, so as to exempt several counties from the provisions of the act, which are now subject to the same.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 60, entitled:

"An act to amend Article 428 of section 1 of an act entitled 'an act to amend Articles 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429 and 430a, and to create Article 426½ of the Penal Code of the Revised Statutes, for the protection of fish and game,' approved March 15, 1881," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM.

AUSTIN, February 19, 1887.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred House bill No. 98, entitled:

"An act to punish the crime of teaching polygamous doctrines or principles and of persuading persons to emigrate for the purpose of practicing the same," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BELL, chairman.

Bill read first time.

The President laid the following communication before the Senate:

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF  
PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS,  
STATE OF TEXAS,  
AUSTIN, February —, 1887.

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—In obedience to the following resolution, passed by your honorable body:

"Resolved, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds is requested to report to the Senate as early as practicable what public property in the city of Austin is being appropriated by individuals (if any) without the authority of the State granting such privileges, and by what authority and for what purposes said property is being so used,"

I have the honor to report that the following property belonging to the State of Texas, within the limits of the city of Austin is being used without the authority of the Legislature granting such privilege:

1. The property known as "River walk," or "reserve," extending between Waller and Shoal creeks, is being occupied for private business purposes and residences. The authority to occupy this property was granted by the city council of the city of Austin.

2. West Avenue originally as shown by the map was 200 feet wide from Pecan or Sixth street to the river, a strip of the Avenue 120 feet wide extending from Pecan street to the river. Five blocks was sold in 1863 by the city council for one hundred dollars. The Avenue is now only 80 feet wide.

3. On West Ninth street between Guadalupe and San Antonio the State owns 1-2 block which is occupied by two colored churches. The authority to so occupy this property appears to have been given in 1868 by the mayor of Austin, (who was appointed by the U. S. military authorities, so I am informed.)

4. 1-2 block on east Ninth street between Trinity and Neches streets is also being occupied by church (colored) under authority of the mayor.

5. There is an engine house near the market which is on State property.

6. The old court house and jail property is rented from the county and occupied as a lumber yard, from about 1876, rent \$1200 a year, besides other river encroachments on the streets.

On the block west of the new capitol the ground occupied by the city railroad belongs to the State. Their char-

ter does not authorize them to build off the streets.

The graded school, on Rio Grande street, is on block as marked on map as University.

I would respectfully call attention to the report of the late Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds on the subject, and would report his desire therein expressed, "that the legislature may realize the importance of an act which will so clearly define the status of the unsold and reserved property in this city, that hereafter all controversies, dissatisfaction and complaint may be avoided.

Respectfully,

WM. P. HARDEMAN,  
Superintendent Public Buildings and Grounds.

By request,

SENATOR GLASSCOCK

By leave,

Sent up petition of sixty-five citizens residing within the proposed boundaries of Willie county, protesting against the creation of Willie county.

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

## BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

BY SENATOR GLASSCOCK:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act fixing the fees of jury commissioners for their services and the mode and manner of paying the same."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

This bill provides for paying jury commissioners for their services, there being no provision now in the law authorizing any payment for their services.

And,

A bill to be entitled:

"An act fixing a lien for owners of pastures, or those in charge of pastures, on such stock as are placed in their pastures by the respective owners or persons in charge of such stock to secure the payment of pasture fees or charges."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

BY SENATOR M'DONALD:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to amend Articles 4823 and 4843 of the Revised Civil Statutes of

the State of Texas, in relation to the trial of the right of property."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

The bill provides that where any sheriff shall levy or attach any personal property, the claimants bond shall be made payable to all the plaintiffs whose writs have been levied on the same; and judgment shall be rendered in favor of all the persons in whose favor the attachments, etc., were issued.

BY SENATOR ABERCROMBIE:

A bill to be entitled:

"An act to amend Chapter 4, title 17, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, by adding thereto Article 410a."

Referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

The bill gives cities the same right to hire out convicts that counties have.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, (AUSTIN TEXAS, February 21, 1887. )  
*Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:*

Sir—I am instructed to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

House bill No. 121.

"An act to amend Article 2335, of chapter 1, of title 40, of the Revised Statutes of Texas."

House bill No. 101.

"An act to amend sections 1 and 4, as amended by an act entitled 'an act to amend sections 1 and 4, of an act to regulate the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors or medicated bitters; to fix the rate of occupation taxes upon all persons engaged in the sale of spirituous, vinous and malt liquors or medicated bitters; to define the time and manner of collecting such tax, and to affix penalties for failure to pay the same, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act,' approved April 4, 1881."

House bill No. 21:

"An act to establish a house of correction and reformatory, and to provide for its government and maintenance, and make an appropriation therefor."

WILL LAMBERT,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

## THE PRESIDENT

Referred House bill No. 121, to Judiciary Committee No. 1, and

House bill No. 21, to Committee on Penitentiaries, and

House bill No. 101, to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

The Senate resumed consideration of substitute Senate bill No. 221 (the railway commission bill), with the amendment to section 3, offered by Senator Lane, pending.

## SENATOR LANE

Withdrew his amendment.

## SENATOR POPE

Moved to amend section 5, line 4, by striking out the words "or elsewhere."

## SENATOR POPE

Spoke in favor of the amendment, and

## SENATORS ALLEN AND GREGG

Opposed it.

Lost by the following vote:

## YEAS—9.

Burges,	Glasscock,
Burney,	Jarvis,
Calhoun,	Lane,
Douglass of J,	Pope,
Garrison,	

## NAYS—13.

Abercrombie,	Frank,
Allen,	Gregg,
Armistead,	McDonald,
Bell,	MacManus,
Claiborne,	Simpkins,
Douglass of G	Woods,
Field,	

## ABSENT—5.

Camp,	Knittle,
Davis,	Stinson,
Harrison,	

On motion of Senator Pope, Senator Knittle was excused till Wednesday on account of important business.

On motion of Senator Gregg, Senator Davis was excused till Wednesday on account of important business.

## SENATOR BELL

Offered the following amendment:

Amend by striking out the words "in the State of Texas or elsewhere," in line 4.

## SENATOR BELL

Spoke in favor of the amendment and it was adopted by the following vote:

## YEAS—21.

Abercrombie,	Glasscock,
Armistead,	Gregg,
Bell,	Harrison,
Burges,	Jarvis,
Burney,	Lane,
Calhoun,	McDonald,
Douglass of J,	MacManus,
Douglass of G,	Pope,
Field,	Simpkins,
Frank,	Woods,
Garrison,	

## NAYS—2.

Allen,	Claiborne.
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## ABSENT—2.

Camp,	Stinson.
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## SENATOR GREGG

Moved to amend line 8, section 5, by inserting between words "pooling" and "of," the words "or physical division."

## SENATOR GREGG

Explained his amendment and it was adopted,

## SENATOR LANE

Offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding "the provisions of this section shall not apply to contracts for carrying freight by several railroads which form a continuous line, where there is no competition between said roads in the carrying of the particular freight."

## SENATOR LANE

Favored the amendment, and

SENATORS GREGG, ALLEN AND FIELD

Oposed it.

The amendment was lost.

## SENATOR GREGG

Offered the following amendment:

Amend section 6, line 14, page 3, by striking out the words "running and."

SENATORS BURGESS, CLAIBORNE AND ALLEN

Opposed the amendment, and Senators Gregg and Armistead favored it.

The amendment was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—5.

Abercrombie, Gregg,  
Armistead, Simkins.  
Douglass of G,

NAYS—18.

Allen, Garrison,  
Beli, Glasscock,  
Burgess, Harrison,  
Burney, Jarvis,  
Calhoun, Lane,  
Claiborne, McDonald,  
Douglass of J, MacManus,  
Field, Pope,  
Frank, Woods.

ABSENT—2.

Camp, Stinson.

## SENATOR GREGG

Offered the following amendment:

Amend section 6, line 4, page 3, by inserting after the word "State" the words "and in fixing such rates said commissioners shall not exceed the maximum rates now fixed, or which may be hereafter fixed by law."

Senators Burgess and Pope opposed the amendment.

Senators Gregg and Field favored the amendment.

(Senator Pope, President pro tem, in the chair.)

## SENATOR JARVIS

Opposed the amendment and bill.

(Senator Calhoun in the chair.)

## SENATOR SIMKINS

Spoke for the amendment and bill.

(The President in the chair.)

## SENATOR BELL

By leave,

Sent up a protest of many citizens

of Bell county, against the creation of the county of Willie.

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

## SENATOR BELL

Offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the evening sessions of the Senate be devoted to the consideration of House and Senate bills in their order to the exclusion of special orders.

## SENATOR FRANK

Sent up the following privilege report:

SENATE CHAMBER, )

AUSTIN, February 21, 1887. }

Hon. T. B. Wheeler, President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined Senate bill No. 141, entitled:

"An act to diminish the Civil Jurisdiction of the county court of Brazos county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change," and find the same correctly engrossed.

FRANK, chairman.

On motion of Senator Pope,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning

## THIRTY SEVENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER. }

AUSTIN, February 22, 1887. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Wheeler in the chair.

Roll called

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Davis.

The reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Garrison,

Mr. Brewer, Assistant Doorkeeper, was excused from Saturday till to-day, on account of important business.

## PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

BY SENATOR BURNEY:

Petition of the citizens of El Paso county asking for a thorough geological survey of the State.